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Community Liaison Committee Meeting Focuses on Youth and Family

SOUTH BRUCE, ON – The potential effects and opportunities of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Project related to youth and families in the Municipality of South Bruce, were presented to the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting last night.

The Municipality contracted Deloitte to conduct studies related to youth retention and employment. Tract Consulting conducted the Recreational Effects Study for South Bruce. NWMO retained DPRAs to look at how the Project could affect local and regional schools and educational opportunities. All studies were also reviewed by independent consultants.

The studies will inform the community as it considers willingness to host the Project. The work also helps the Municipality negotiate a draft hosting agreement that will maximize local benefits, address guiding principles and ensure that the NWMO takes appropriate steps to manage effects of the Project, were it to be sited in South Bruce.

The education study considered how school boards in the area would accommodate a 33% increase in the school-aged population by 2046. Currently some schools have extra capacity to do so, while others will be at capacity in the next five to 15 years.

Providing opportunities for youth and appealing to families are important to the community's long-term success. The study on youth employment said that targeted strategies to provide local young people the skills the NWMO Project and growth sectors require is key.

Improvements to recreational services, such as youth spaces, technology resources and flexible, multi-use amenities, were suggested to benefit families and youth.

Were the Project to be sited in South Bruce, the community would look for the NWMO to commit to supporting local education, youth employment and recreation services. This could include donations and funding programs, scholarships and career development opportunities.

The entire presentation is available in the CLC Agenda package, and copies of the studies and peer reviews can be found at www.southbruce.ca/studies. A summary document will be mailed to community members, which is the practice following each meeting to help inform the public about the studies.

The CLC's next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, will focus on the Confidence in Safety Report released by the NWMO.

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South Bruce is one of two remaining communities that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization is considering for the site of a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel, a Centre of Expertise and many supporting facilities. The Municipality of South Bruce is working towards an informed decision for the community through the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project team, the Community Liaison Committee, and independent reviews to determine if the site is safe for people and the environment, offers positive benefits and if the community is willing to host the site.

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